

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM O'NEIL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
2/27/12

ATTENDEES:

Bayer*	Padaria	Jenkins*	White*	McKenna*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Vision 2020 CoChairs Jane Howard & Joey Glushko, DPW Assistant Director Teresa DeBenedictis, Spy Pond Task Group Chair Steve Ricci, Sustainable Arlington Chair Bruce Moulton, Elizabeth Karpati, Brad Barber, Conservation Commission Members Chuck Tirone and Eileen Coleman, Eric Helmuth, ACMI Video Camera

MINUTES: The minutes of 2/22 were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

ART 51 WATER BODIES FUND Howard introduced the Vision 2020 members and others who came to support this article, DeBenedictis, reviewed the revenues & expenditures from the fund.(Ref 1) She requested \$50,000 to treat Spy Pond, the Reservoir and Hills Pond, all of which suffer from invasive water weeds. Mechanical harvesting of water chestnuts at the res cost more than expected. She expects the normal appropriation to be \$25k in future years. This appropriation is not in the DPW budget because the treatment timing is critical and may not be able to wait for the next fiscal year, it is difficult to retain funds at the end of the year in department budgets and the Water Bodies Fund was established to deal with this situation. DPW repaired damage to the bank at the res caused by the harvester from DPW funds. DPW is considering building a boat ramp to avoid future damage to the bank.

VOTED \$50,000. Unanimous

ART 21, 22, 53 ELECTRONIC VOTING: Helmuth would like the Town Meeting to vote electronically. He thinks it would save time and improve transparency. Personalized hand held devices are available to radio each members vote to a tabulating receiver. The receiver can tally the votes and display how each member voted. There are security interlocks to avoid cheating. The system can be purchased for about \$30k or leased for \$10k/yr. Several other communities are exploring electronic voting. Helmuth would like to form a study committee to make recommendations, including bylaw changes. He would like to expedite the process so that next year the committee would vote, the bylaw would be changed and funds would be appropriated. FinCom members advised that a 2 step process would be preferable.

Helmuth did not request an appropriation this year.

VOTED No action Art 53 & 21. Unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ART 4 BUILDING REPAIRS Refer to Minutes of 2/15.

VOTED to table. DeCoursey to inquire about use of MM Tech reserve funds for this purpose..

ART 48 COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS: VOTED to appropriate the same amounts as last year, totaling \$14,760, since no group had requested otherwise. Unanimous.

ART 49 TOWN CELEBRATIONS: VOTED to appropriate the same amounts as last year, totaling \$10,167. Unanimous.

ART 50 MISCELLANEOUS: VOTED \$11,040 as requested by the Manager. 14-0-1.

ART 57 SENIOR CENTER: The proponents have decided not to go forward with this article. VOTED No action. Unanimous.

BUD 21 LIBRARIES: Library/HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) reviewed the budget and recommended it as printed. The increase in expenses for materials will avoid the need to request a waiver to remain in the MM System & receive State funds. The library is being heavily used. More public computers will be added. VOTED \$2,045,901.

Unanimous

BUD 22B VETERANS: Library/HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) reported that the demand for services is still high. These expenditures are about 75% reimbursed. She recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$339,692 Unanimous

COA TRANS EF: Library/HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. She will inquire what happened to the funds set aside for paying the late taxi bill. She will also obtain the fund balance.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 2/29. The hearing schedule was updated. Chair reminded all
RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$620,000

Peter Howard 2/27/12 Revised 2/29/12, 3/7/12

cc FinCom Members, Town Web Site, Robbins Library

Ref 1 Water Bodies Fund Account

Proposed Warrant Article for 2012 Annual Town Meeting

APPROPRIATION / ARLINGTON WATER BODIES FUND

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment and oversight of all the Town's water bodies, said sum (\$50,000) to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Vision 2020 Standing Committee and its Environment Task Group's Committees (Spy Pond, Reservoir, and Sustainable Arlington), the Department of Public Works and the Conservation Commission.

Contact: Jane L. Howard
781-648-1936
phoward795@verizon.net



DPW INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: MICHAEL RADEMACHER, DIRECTOR
FROM: TERESA DEBENEDICTIS, ASST. DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: WATER BODIES FUND
DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Thus far in FY12 we have spent \$20,000 from the water bodies account. The \$20,000 was spent to remove invasive water chestnuts at the Arlington Reservoir. At present the available account balance is \$18,425.23. For FY13 the plan is to spend at least another \$20,000 at the Reservoir. In addition, Spy Pond is estimated to need a treatment for its invasives which include milfoil, fanwort, and european naiad. The working estimate for this treatment is \$40,000. Hills Pond will need a treatment as well for milfoil which should be around \$3,000. If we get an appropriation of 50k in FY13 we should be able to cover these expenses as well as anything else that comes up.

Attached please find an up to date accounting of the fund.

MUNIS#

230 5299

Water Bodies Account

Report Date: 2/23/2012 - THD

History of Expenditures - does not include phragmites acct

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13 Est.
Spy Pond	\$ 11,638.50	\$ 4,995.00		\$ 6,063.12	\$ 38,164.20	\$ 4,935.00		\$ 40,000.00
Reservoir	\$ 2,497.50	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,125.50		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Hills	\$ 2,497.50							\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 11,638.50	\$ 9,990.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,063.12	\$ 41,289.70	\$ 4,935.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 63,000.00

230 4972

230 5299

Water Bodies Account History

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13 Est.
Carryover				\$ 40,113.05	\$ 34,649.93	\$ 8,360.23	\$ 18,425.23	\$ 18,425.23
Revenue				\$ 600.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Expenses				\$ (6,063.12)	\$ (41,289.70)	\$ (4,935.00)	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (63,000.00)
Balance				\$ 34,649.93	\$ 8,360.23	\$ 18,425.23	\$ 18,425.23	\$ 5,425.23

230 4830

230 5290

Phragmites Acct - Spy Pond - supported by donations for use on phragmites only

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13 Est.
Carryover					\$ -	\$ 5,361.00	\$ 5,821.00	\$ 4,671.00
Revenue					\$ 9,161.00	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 100.00	?
Expenses					\$ (3,800.00)	\$ (3,600.00)	\$ (1,250.00)	?
Balance					\$ 5,361.00	\$ 5,821.00	\$ 4,671.00	\$ 4,671.00

230 1040

Account Balance

Phragmites fund	\$ 34,649.93	\$ 13,721.23	\$ 24,246.23	\$ 23,096.23	\$ 10,096.23
Available Balance	\$ -	\$ (5,361.00)	\$ (5,821.00)	\$ (4,671.00)	\$ (4,671.00)
	\$ 34,649.93	\$ 8,360.23	\$ 18,425.23	\$ 18,425.23	\$ 5,425.23